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CAKE IS DEFEATED BY BOURNE

GOVERNMENT IN CHARGE OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION

United States Army Will Hereafter Have Charge of
Issuing Food to All Who Remain in City.
Cars Will Run Today.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS WILL OPERATE TONIGHT

INHABITANTS COOK MEALS IN STREETS CITIZENS PROTECTIVE
COMMITTEES ARE ORDERED DISSOLVED—WATER PROBLEM IS
SERIOUS—BUILDING HAS ALREADY STARTED—CITIZENS ARE HOPEFUL.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—At 3:15 this afternoon a slight shock of earthquake was felt which lasted nearly one minute and caused considerable alarm though no one was injured. A few weakened walls fell. It was also felt in Oakland and Berkeley but slighter.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Gradually the national government is taking over the work of succoring homeless folks. Tomorrow representatives of the United States army will have charge of the gigantic task of issuing food to all who remain in the city. A complete system of issuing rations at all the fifty eight stations is established. This was a day of optimistic reports from all sides. "Conditions are improving" was the happy expression heard from those in charge of the various departments. Now that the army will look after the distribution of food the citizens are turning their attention toward rebuilding the city.

Street Cars Will Operate.

Street cars are promised for tomorrow, and electric lights also. The preparation of meals is one of the picturesque sights resulting from the fire. Improvised furnaces or a small cook stove is in front of every house, and

some Chinese servants remain faithful, but a frequent sight is that of the wives of men who a few days ago possessed millions stirring porridge and manipulating bacon and eggs.

San Francisco goes to bed at nightfall. Reports of shots being fired into lighted houses have had this effect. The Mayor has taken a firm stand against many of the self-constituted "Citizens Protective Committees." One of these committees is held responsible for the death of Major Tilden, who was shot while performing relief work. Schmitz has given orders for members of these committees to be disarmed, wherever found by the police. If they resist they will be treated as looters which means to be shot without ceremony.

Water Problem Yet Serious.

The water problem is still serious. Only one "tap" each block and further restriction will be made on the use of water, because of the waste, and to conserve a supply against a possible emergency.

The state militia have not been withdrawn in spite of the request of the Mayor. Pardee sent word that he was advised too late to attend the meeting at Fort Mason, and the citizens will feel relieved when the militia go. There is less complaint now however and nothing but praise for the army and navy police. Many marines are doing patrol duty without conflicting with anybody.

AGRICULTURAL BILL UP.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The house continued its consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. The president's message recommending an appropriation of \$300,000 for the Mare Island Navy Yard was referred to the committee on appropriation. The agricultural bill went over until tomorrow without its principal feature being touched upon.

COLONEL B. K. WEST DEAD.

DENVER, Colo., April 25.—Colonel Barrington K. West, deputy commissary-general of the Department of the Colorado died yesterday at his home here after an illness of four days from the date of his death.

WILL NOT PAY DIVIDENDS.

VIENNA, April 25.—The Vienna insurance companies decided not to pay dividends owing to losses in the San Francisco fire.

SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS ASK LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—At the general executive meeting today, a message to Governor Pardee was drawn up requesting a special session of the legislature, giving reasons, and asking for a prompt reply. The feature of the petition is that the legislature pass a general calamity law empowering the city to circulate enough bonds for the reconstruction of the city. It was the opinion of all present that a special

session be called and calamity laws passed fixing the expense at less than \$3,000 per day, which sum was considered adequate to meet the present needs.

Among those present were Mayor Schmitz, Generals Greely and Funston, Secretary Metcalf, and every member of the committee. Schmitz sent a telegram over the country requesting that no more perishable foods be sent, and that food supplies be limited to staples

WILL CALL SPECIAL SESSION
OAKLAND, April 25.—Governor Pardee announced that he will call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of taking action on the San Francisco situation. The date will not be set until the excitement has subsided.

GREAT EXODUS FROM CITY.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Twelve thousand people are fed daily at St. Mary's Cathedral on Van Ness avenue. Supplies are stacked high in the great auditorium. It is presumed that 350,000 people have left the city and of this large number but 50,000 have returned. The traffic across the bay is only normal, and many tons of fruit which were shipped to the commission men, have been turned over to the commissary department which is now managing the distribution of food. Bananas are ripening in the warehouses unharmed. Oranges are plentiful and are welcomed by the homeless ones.

OUTBREAK DELAYED SITUATION BETTER

Russian Government Stays Revolution for Time.

TO CONSTRUCT PUBLIC WORKS

In Order to Stay Workmen's Wrath, Government Will Distribute Money to Needy and Those out of Work.

ST. PETERSBURG.—April 25.—

Thanks to the conciliatory attitude of the city representatives the threat of a repetition of the great labor demonstration, and bloody events of "Red Sunday" on account of the destitution of the idle workmen, has been obviated for the moment. The city council the night after listening to the speeches of the orators of the workmen and constitutional democratic leaders decided to begin the construction of public works amounting to \$1,500,000 and pending their initiation to assign \$250,000 among those out of work the number of whom at present actually destitute being not over 20,000. Danger lurks in the fact that the improvements will not begin immediately and will employ less than 3,000 men and take weeks or even months to complete the plans for bridges and other important works; while the \$250,000 to be distributed in advance will soon be exhausted.

MURDERER ELUDES PERSUASERS

OREGON CITY, Or., April 25.—Armed with a revolver, stolen, and well supplied with ammunition, as well as carrying two razors to be used in close quarters, Frank Smith the murderer and outlaw, is working his way south through Clackamas county, taking the same general direction pursued by Harry Tracy and David Merrill in 1902. Despite the advancing posse in his rear, Smith is proceeding along the timber line, holding up farm houses at the point of his revolver, and compelling women to supply him with provisions.

Numerous reports are being received of his whereabouts, and these only tend to confuse the authorities, for time is required to investigate each rumor, and meanwhile the murderer and robber is trampling through underbrush skirting the wagon roads south-

ward. Smith was reported to have broken into a warehouse at New Era yesterday and Sheriff Shaver and his posse hurried to the scene only to learn that the report was a canard.

At Canby last night, the postoffice and store of J. F. DeVoe was entered. The crime bears the earmarks of Smith's work. The place was entered in the same manner as the postoffice at Troutdale, which resulted in his arrest by Detective Snow and Resing a few days ago and the robbery of the Wassom jewelry store at Oregon City. At the Canby postoffice Smith secured two razors and a small stock of provisions, with these he disappeared toward the woods back from the river.

FIGHT POSTPONED.

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—The Nelson Herrera fight is postponed until May 25, because of the presumption that the Shriner meeting will not be held and also that San Francisco parties will not be able to attend.

French Government Takes Action Improving Affairs

ALARMIST REPORTS CONTINUE

One Report States That the Spanish and Swiss Anarchists Have Succeeded in Bringing Forty Bombs into Paris.

PARIS, April 25.—The strike situation has improved before the government military precautions to crush the disorder. Public uneasiness is relieved. Alarmist reports however continue to circulate concerning what may happen on May one. One report says Spanish and Swiss anarchists have succeeded in bringing forty bombs into Paris.

At a meeting tonight of 500 building contractors it was decided to close down all work and dismiss the working men in the event of a strike on May one. Contractors have subscribed funds amounting to \$200,000 to meet the costs of action that may arise from the stoppage of operations.

DEFIES PREMIER WITTE.

Sensation Caused by Not Allowing Sipiaguine to Go to Sebastopol.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 25.—A sensation has been caused by the action of General Neplueff, commander of the fortress of Sebastopol in flatly refusing to accede to Premier Witte's request to allow Sipiaguine, a nephew of the murdered Minister of the Interior of that name, and one of the members elected to the Lower House of Parliament from the Crimean Province to return to Sebastopol.

Mr. Sipiaguine is under a decree of perpetual banishment from Sebastopol on account of his participation in the disorders there. There could be no better illustration of the results of a division of authority, the military commanders being independent, than this open flaunting of a request of the premier.

METHODISTS LOST \$500,000

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Presiding Elder Matthews has estimated that the losses sustained by the Methodist church in this city are a half million dollars. Rebuilding will soon be commenced on all the church edifices.

OFFICIAL RETURNS GIVE BOURNE A SLIGHT LEAD

Close Contest for United States Senatorial Nomination ends in Bourne Winning By 426 Votes
Hawley and Ellis For Congress.

WITHYCOMBE LEADS GEER BY JUST 500 VOTES

BENSON HEADS LIST FOR SECRETARY OF STATE WITH 16,667 VOTES
—STEELE FOR STATE TREASURER, AND CRAWFORD FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL—DUNIWAY HAS NOMINATION FOR STATE PRINTER.

PORTLAND, Or., April 26.—(special)

Official returns in the state Republican primary election as compiled are complete, excepting in Harney, Malheur and Coos Counties, for congressman.

The figures are: Senator—Bourne, 12,575; Calk, 12,149; Lowell, 6,748; Smith, 5,965; Watson, 4,149.

Congressman—Hawley, 8,035; Huston, 4,592; Toole, 6,982.

Congressman—Ellis, 7,422; Lachner, 4,473; Rand, 3,538; Shepherd, 5,654.

Governor—Brown, 4,897; Geer, 13,430; Johns, 7,473; Schelbrede, 1,854; Withycombe, 13,930.

Secretary of State—Benson, 16,667; Gatch, 15,600; Pearce, 3,472; Wrightman, 4,750.

State Treasurer—Aitken, 7,009; Carter, 8,274; Hoyt, 8,575; Jennings, 2,653; Ryan, 6,103; Steele, 9,500.

Attorney General—Crawford, 23,167; Dunham, 13,222.

State Printer—Clark, 7,891; Duniway, 20,826; Whitney, 10,092.

FOREIGN AID DECLINED.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Staats Zeitung prints the following telegrams: "New York, April 25.—Theodore Roosevelt, President: Your statement is reported in the German press as declining assistance from foreigners for the San Francisco sufferers. Will you allow us to correct this false impression so that our friends in Germany may be permitted to follow the dictates of their hearts and contribute?"

"HERMAN RIDDER.

"New York Staats Zeitung."

"Washington, D. C., April 25.—Herman Ridder, New York Staats Zeitung, Your kind message to the president is received. The spontaneous gifts of the American people have been ample to meet all requirements, and the proffers of aid from all parts of the world have been so far in excess of all needs that in order to avoid any discrimination it was determined best to accept no outside help. The President wishes the German people to understand how deeply we appreciate their hearty sympathy, and that we are quite as grateful to them as we would be did it seem possible to accept their generous aid."

"ROBERT BACON,

"Acting Secretary."

WOULD DAMAGE CANAL.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Regarding the expressed fear that earthquakes are likely to damage the proposed Panama Canal, Isham Randolph, chief engineer of the Chicago drainage canal, and a member of the United States Board of Engineers for the Panama Canal, said yesterday:

"Should such a convulsion of nature visit the canal route, no doubt serious damage would result to either type of canal that might be adopted, but of the two types, the sea-level would be worst sufferer."

SULTAN REPLIES UNFAVORABLY

CAIRO, April 25.—The Sultan of Turkey has replied unfavorably to the Khedive's suggestion regarding the Tobah boundary question and the matter will now be handed over to the British Government and the porte for settlement.

ANOTHER BOAT FOUND.

BRUSSELS, April 25.—Another boat of the count DeSmelde de Nayer, the Belgian training ship which foundered on April 23, in the Bay of Biscay has been found. It had on board twelve survivors.

CHINESE OFFER PRAYERS TO ASHES OF THEIR JOSS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—With an unwavering faith in their image of heaven, twenty Chinese gathered around the wreckage of the temple of Shai Tai in Waverly palace, where formerly stood the largest Joss house in Chinatown, and pleaded for mercy on behalf of 30,000 of their countrymen, made homeless by the holocaust. Permission had finally been obtained to hold ser-

vices. The ruins of the temple were first located and after some digging found their partly burned Joss. After further ceremony an offering of food was placed before the fallen God. When the worship had been continued for an hour, the Chinese backed respectfully away from the Joss, praying in unison and returning to the destination of the Chinese across the bay, leaving the ghost of the devil beside the Joss.